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## WILL ERECT NEW COURT HOUSE

**Bids to Be Considered by Commissioners on November 2nd for the Construction of Josephine Capitol**

Bids for the construction of a new court house for Josephine county will be received by the county court on the 2nd day of November, and at 10 o'clock on that day the contract for the construction of the new capitol building will be awarded should the bids come within the requirements and the available fund.

About two years ago the county court adopted a plan for a new court house, the plan being submitted by E. E. McClaren, a Portland architect. At the same time a sinking fund was created toward the construction of the building, a levy of 1.9 mills being made in 1914 and a levy of 1.7 mills in 1915. The 1914 levy upon the county valuation raised \$21,000, while the 1915 levy added \$18,000 to the building fund. Another levy will be made in December, to produce approximately \$20,000 more, and as it will require the greater part of a year to complete and equip the building, the fourth levy, to complete the raising of the amount estimated as necessary for the building, will be made by the time it is needed.

The estimated cost of the new building is \$75,000. As considerable time will be required to remove the old building from the site and to excavate for the foundation of the new court house, it will be well along in the winter before active construction could make much progress. At the same time that bids are considered for the construction of the new court house bids will be received for the removal of the old one, as the new edifice will stand upon the site of the ancient wooden structure that has served the county for so many years.

The new court house will be of two stories and basement, 130x65 feet in dimensions, and of fireproof construction throughout, the materials to be reinforced concrete, steel, brick and terra cotta. The construction is expected to continue through the most of next summer, and will give employment to a large body of workmen.

## RUSSIANS ADVANCE IN THE CAUCASUS

Petrograd, Oct. 5.—Suddenly resuming the offensive in the Caucasus, in co-operation with the Black sea fleet, the Russians are advancing on a wide front, the war office announced today. A Turkish fortified position in the region of Kara Burnum has been captured. West of Kalkitchelik the Slavs broke through the Turkish advance guards and inflicted great losses on the enemy.

On the Austro-German front stubborn fighting continues from the region east of Vladimir-Yolynska as far south as the Dniester. The Russians have captured enemy positions at various points. Along the Bistritza, in the region of Bogorodchad, Teutonic outposts were defeated and a number of prisoners taken.

In Dobrudja the Russo-Roumanian offensive continues. Russian troops have captured six cannon and the Roumanians seven.

Ed Friday returned to Merlin this morning, after spending a day in the city attending to business matters.

## NEW YORK MILK FAMINE REACHES THE RIOT STAGE

New York, Oct. 5.—The milk famine got to the riot stage today. Police blotters showed trouble on the east side, where famished women and children took desperate steps. In one instance a driver was dragged from his cart, while a mob of 300 drained it of every drop of milk. Milk lines have been established in some sections. There meager portions are given out. One man started a row when refused a larger quantity, but women behind him made him desist by threat to attack him if he persisted.

Up-state the night riders are busy and extra deputies have been called, particularly in northern Westchester county, to guard creameries against attack.

While distributors had new sources of supply, city officials estimated that the pinch was greater than at any time since dairymen up-state refused to sell to the Big Three at existing prices. One hope of a break in the deadlock was the fact that there were some signs of weakening upon the part of the Borden company, distributors of one-fifth of the city supply. They already have offered a 35-cent per hundred pounds increase for October, while others in the Big Three have trailed at 31 cents.

The farmers are standing out for a 45-cent raise and a six-months' contract.

## BRASS BAND GREET WOMEN'S SPECIAL

Chicago, Oct. 5.—When the Women's Hughes campaign special reached here at noon today scores of gaily decorated automobiles lined up behind a big brass band to greet the women stumbers. The visitors were taken to Grants Park for a giant open air reception and then a parade was formed and after a march through Michigan avenue and the loop a mammoth luncheon for 750 women, at the La Salle hotel, was given, at which Alvin T. Hert, western campaign manager for Hughes; Mrs. Raymond Robins; Dr. Catherine B. Davis, of New York; Mrs. Harriett Vittum and others spoke. Street meetings in front of big industrial establishments will be held late today as the workers are leaving for their homes. Tonight the visitors will occupy boxes at the republican rally, when Albert T. Beveridge speaks.

Leaving here at 3 a. m. tomorrow, the women's special will reach Rock Island and stay until 11 o'clock. It will arrive in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 1 p. m. and leave at 3 p. m. for Waterloo, reaching there at 5 p. m. for an evening meeting.

The train leaves Waterloo at 1 a. m. Saturday and reaches St. Paul at 10 a. m. From 8 a. m. until 2 p. m. Wednesday they will be in Helena, Mont., and the evening meetings will be held at Butte. From there the party will go to Missoula and on into Washington and Oregon, and then turn south to San Francisco.

## BAD WEATHER STILL IMPEDES SOMME FIGHT

Paris, Oct. 5.—Bad weather again impeded operations on the Somme front last night, it was officially announced today. In operations around Morval the French captured nine 3 1/2-inch guns.

## ALLIED GAINS REPORTED IN BALKAN CAMPAIGN

Paris, Oct. 5.—Allied troops in the Balkans pushed on toward Monastir yesterday's fighting, occupying Buf and making progress at other points, it was officially announced today.

## ROUMANIANS LOSE 15,000 SOLDIERS

**Bulgars Reported to Have Surrounded and Destroyed 15 or 16 Battalions of the Troops Across the Danube**

Sofia, Oct. 5.—Bulgarian troops have enveloped and destroyed 15 or 16 Roumanian battalions (about 15,000 men) which crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria near Riahovo, said an official statement from the war office today.

The defeat suffered by the Roumanians is the greatest since the destruction of the Roumanian army at the fortress of Tutrakan, when 22,000 Roumanians were trapped and captured south of the Danube by Field Marshal von Mackensen.

The Roumanians were caught by an encircling movement and began to stream back across the river without offering stubborn opposition. Teutonic monitors had smashed some of the pontoon bridges over which the invaders crossed, thus interfering seriously with their retreat to the north bank.

Bulgarian artillery was trained on Roumanian transports that tried to facilitate the retreat, adding to the confusion in the ranks of the enemy. The exact number of prisoners is not yet definitely known, but it is reported that large quantities of war materials were brought in.

On the Dobrudja front all Russo-Roumanian attacks were frustrated.

The German war office yesterday announced that the Roumanian force that crossed the Danube had retreated before a German-Bulgarian encircling movement. If the Bulgarian statement is true, the Roumanians have suffered two most severe defeats on the Danube in the five weeks since they entered the war. When German and Bulgarian forces captured the Roumanian fortress of Tutrakan the Roumanian garrison was surrounded on the south bank and captured. Several hundred Roumanians, including a general and a number of other officers, were drowned while attempting to swim the stream.

## RUSSIA HAS NO THOUGHT OF THE DESERTION OF THE ALLIED NATIONS

The Hague, Sept. 16 (By Mail).—Despite official denials that Russia and Germany recently discussed a separate peace, I have learned from recent visits to Warsaw, Copenhagen and The Hague that some sort of a conference did take place.

At present, however, there is little prospect that Russia will desert the allies. Roumania's intervention in the war has changed the situation entirely from the czar's standpoint.

The report that a peace meeting was held at Kovho was published recently in the Nieuwe Courant, one of the best informed newspapers of Holland.

The Courant article has not been published in any belligerent country. It is understood here, though, that it created a sensation in Holland and the neutral Scandinavian countries.

Immediately following its publication the Russian legation here issued a denial. A similar denial was telegraphed from Berlin, but regardless of this fact, officials in Scandinavian countries believe a great deal of the Courant article is true.

## INVESTIGATE 8-HOUR DAY FOR R. R.

**President Wilson Names the Three Members of Board To Inquire Into Operation of the Adamson Measure**

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—George Rublee, federal trade commissioner, has been asked by President Wilson to be the third member of the board to investigate application of the eight-hour day to railway operation, it was learned today.

Rublee was never confirmed as trade commissioner, owing to opposition of Senator Gallinger, but continued to serve without pay.

Omaha, Oct. 5.—President Wilson has asked General Goethals, recently governor of the Panama zone, and Commissioner Clarke, of the interstate commerce commission, to be two of three members of the board to investigate the operation of the eight-hour day on railroads.

## TWO MEN ARE KILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA WRECK

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 5.—Two men were killed, 12 passengers and three trainmen badly injured early today when a fast passenger train on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into a stock train crossing on to another track near Lewistown.

## OREGON HENS SPEED UP IN EGG CONTEST

Corvallis, Oct. 5.—Cheers and cries of "Atta girl!" "Come on you egg!" greeted the posting of a bulletin today showing that 10 hens from the Oregon Agricultural college here gained two places during the 47th week of the international egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn.

The Oregon birds are now in third place. Rhode Island is leading, with England second. Starting the 47th week in fifth place, the Oregonians, by a sudden burst of speed, produced 48 eggs, as against an average of 27 for all other teams.

## OFFICERS PROBE CATTLE KILLING IN MURPHY DISTRICT

Officers have lately been investigating reports of the killing of cattle in the Murphy district. It is reported that seven or eight head of cattle have been found in the forests along Murphy creek shot to death, and in varying stages of decomposition, evidence that they had been killed at different times. At least two head of cattle has found their way to their home places mortally wounded, while some of those killed and left in the woods have had their ears cut off so that their ownership could not be traced by the ear marks. Among those whose cattle have been identified among the killed are J. E. Swinden, of the Applegate valley above Murphy, and Fred Lichens, of Provoit.

Some of those who have investigated state that there is evidence that the dead cattle have been hauled out into the woods after being killed, and the theory is advanced that the animals may have been shot when trespassing upon lands and then disposed of by being hauled out into the brush. County Attorney Miller has made an investigation, but states that he has not yet obtained evidence to connect anyone with the killing of the two animals whose carcasses he had inspected.

## FAIRBANKS IS NOW COMING TO OREGON

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Confident that California is solidly for Hughes, Charles W. Fairbanks, republican vice-presidential candidate, left this morning for Portland, to campaign through the northwest. The Fairbanks party consists of Richard Fairbanks, Dr. B. F. Hatfield and Richard Lowther, in addition to the candidate.

"The west is solid for Hughes," said Fairbanks today. "Everywhere I have visited in the wake of his campaign tour it seems a certainty that Hughes will win by a decisive majority. For that reason, I am giving more attention to urging upon the people the necessity of making the republican victory complete by electing republicans to both houses of congress."

## BRITISH WIN VICTORY ON STRUMA FRONT

Saloniki, Oct. 5.—The battle around the village of Jenikoj, on the Struma front, has resulted in a complete British victory, it was officially announced today. The whole village is now in the hands of the British, who are now consolidating their positions. The Bulgars suffered heavily in the recent fighting.

## NOT ENOUGH SHIPS TO CARRY LUMBER

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Stocks of North American lumber in South America are running low because of lack of ships to carry cargoes from the Pacific coast, according to Roger Simmons, of Washington, D. C., government expert, who has just returned from a long study of the subject of South American lumber conditions.

He is here today to confer with lumbermen of California, Oregon, and Washington.

"The Argentine consumes half a billion feet of lumber every year, and three-quarters of this comes from the United States and Canada," he said. "Chile and Peru, too, are in the market for huge quantities of North American lumber."

## WHEAT PRICE EXPECTED TO SOAR

**Predicted That Cereal Will Command \$2 Per Bushel Before the Year Closes, Crop of Nation Being Short**

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Two dollars for wheat was predicted by Chicago grain men today before the first of January. Prices today, both cash and futures, ranged about 10 cents lower than the record price established in January, 1915, immediately following the outbreak of the European war.

The heavy decrease in this year's crop, coupled with discouraging conditions in Argentine and the demand of the allies for available Australian and Canadian wheat, were pointed to as factors in the present high price. It was stated today at the board of trade that the northwest has practically no wheat of seed quality, and that good seed wheat was now selling at from four to seven dollars a bushel.

The importation of Canadian wheat for seed purposes is being discussed, and agricultural experts are canvassing the question whether or not the Canadian wheat will be found adapted to United States cultivation.

Dealers in cash wheat say that the northwestern farmers are practically all adhering to the decision not to sell at less than \$2 a bushel, while the receipts of grain from other primary shipping points are extremely light.

December wheat has reached \$1.59 1/2, as against 106 a year ago. May is \$1.58 1/2, against 107 1/2 a year ago. Cash wheat is selling around \$1.65, depending on the grade, while the millers are eagerly snapping up all available milling wheat.

As a result of wheat conditions, millers say, flour continues its steady rise. Special brands were quoted today in Chicago at \$9.10 a barrel, wholesale. Millers say that if the wheat advance continues flour prices will have to keep pace.

Members of the board of trade today said the present high prices could not be blamed on speculation. They said that were it not for open trading on the boards of trade big elevator men long ago would have cornered the supply and wheat would have been much higher than at present.

Produce prices are trailing close behind grain. Potatoes are \$1.45 a bushel wholesale, as compared to 48 cents a year ago. Eggs, butter, poultry and produce and other supplies are up correspondingly in most cases. Dealers blame bad weather for the potato shortage and say the hot summer damaged poultry and accounts for high egg prices.

With poor crops goes the heavy demand of warring allied countries for food, and dealers said lower prices were not to be expected this winter, unless an embargo is established to keep foodstuffs in this country.

## MT. LASSEN COMPETES WITH THE POLITICIANS

Redding, Cal., Oct. 5.—For the second time in two days Mount Lassen, California's volcano, showed signs of activity today. A small blow-out late yesterday was followed early today by a manifestation of greater magnitude. Although today's disturbance was far from being a "big eruption," smoke appeared to be issuing from the northern part of the crater. A stiff wind blew the smoke clouds southward. The smoke eruption showed no abatement after it had been in progress for an hour.